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REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to acknowledge the courteous treatment his representative received during an interview held with the Examiner on Sept. 28, 2007. Following summarizes the substance of the matters discussed.

The drawings were objected to for failing to show the multiple motorcycles called for in one or more claims. This language has been removed from the claims.

Claims 54-68 were rejected as being indefinite for a number of errors in language identified by the Examiner. This amendment corrects those errors.

Claims 54-58 were rejected as being anticipated by Lapiolahti 4,750,856.

Claims 59 and 61 were rejected as being unpatentable over the above reference.

Claim 60 was rejected as being unpatentable over the above reference in view of Huston 5,816,757 which was cited for the use of a wheel block.

Lapiolahti discloses a car carrier which has one car on the bed of the carrier and a second car being towed with its front two wheels on a pair of yokes forming cradles for the wheels (Fig. 4) and are pivoted up once the wheels of the car being towed is in place (see Figs. 1-3). This reference has a truck with a bed and there is no trailer being pulled as in the present invention, thus, there being no hitch connected to a towing vehicle on which the load is adjusted as in the present invention. As described in par. 0028 of the publication of the present application, the swivel plate "can be repositioned through a series of hole positions in a fore & aft member" to "adjust their load distribution between the hitch 215 and the wheels 55". As pointed out in par. 0025, "The tongue weight of the device 1 must be in compliance with the Rated Hitch Capacity of the Tow Vehicle". The present invention allows the towing of two vehicles using a trailer and adjusting the weight load distribution so as not to exceed the rated capacity of the hitch. This is not even an issue in the reference which does not use and could not use a hitch because one vehicle is carried on the bed of the vehicle and the other is towed.

Except for the claims which have been canceled, both the independent claims 54 and 61 have been amended to include these novel aspects of the present invention.

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Apparatus claim 54 and method claim 61 both now recite specifically the swiveling feature of the plate and its adjustment along a longitudinal axis to adjust the load on the hitch.

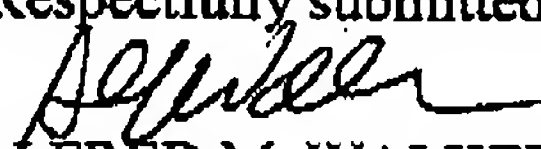
During the interview, my representative pointed out in detail how claims 54 and 61 proposed to be (and now) amended clearly distinguish over the references of record.

The depending claims add details of the claimed invention. Claims 55-58 add details of the rack which is on the trailer to support a second vehicle. Claim 59 adds details of how the swivel plate is able to rotate as the vehicle with base negotiate a turn. Claim 60 adds details of how the swivel is moved along the longitudinal axis of the base to balance the load on the hitch. It is believed that none of these features are shown or suggested in the references used to reject the claims.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

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